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MEMORANDUM FOR AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE
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Subj: Soviet Guided Missile Submarines; request for TALENT coverage of

1. There is increasing evidence of the Soviet development of a guided missile submarine capability. Current production of new types of submarines involves five unidentified new post-war type submarines at least one of which is probably nuclear powered. It is considered critical to national interests to establish the extent of Soviet guided missile submarine capability. The flexibility and mobility of the guided missile submarine makes it an ideal weapon for the Soviets. By maintaining a number of such submarines at sea, a constant and devastating threat to the United States can be realized.

2. Current data on Soviet submarine construction reveals new production at Komsomolsk in the Soviet Far East and Severodvinsk (formerly Molotovsk) on the White Sea. TALENT coverage during the summer months, when light angle is excellent, should reveal the nature and extent of submarine construction at both locations. Movement down the Amur River of new production at Komsomolsk should take place in the relatively near future.

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